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THE Trade Sale will open on the 19th of September if the catalogue can be prepared in time for thorough distribution. If not, probably at the beginning of the week following. One of the largest sales for many years is promised. The Cincinnati Trade Sale is also to be remembered by the Western and Southern trade.

THE next parcel of "Vest-Pocket" books will include Favorite Poems by Coleridge and Byron, Schiller's world-famous "Lay of the Bell," and Thomson's "Winter." These little volumes please the public immensely.

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J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co. have now ready the group reports of the Centennial Exhibition, and three reports on special machinery exhibits, at prices according to number of pages, and the twenty-two remaining will follow as speedily as possible. Complete sets of the reports, when completed, will be furnished at \$20, and there is a reasonable discount to purchasers in quantities.

GINN & HEATH have in press, and will publish some time next month, Prof. George A. Wentworth's "Elements of Geometry," Prof. Harrison's "Odes of Horace in English Verse," Chaucer's "Parlament of Foules," and "Parallel Rules of Greek and Latin Syntax," which latter is designed to put clearly to a student the correspondences and the differences in Greek and Latin syntax.

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THE National Temperance Society has in press, and will publish next month, "Alcohol and the State," by Hon. Robert C. Pittman, of Mass. From what we can judge by the chapter headings of the book, this vexed question of alcohol and the State will be treated exhaustively and from more than one point of view. It will contain about 350 pages, and be sold at \$1.50. The same society has also just issued the "Liquor Laws of the United States," including decisions of courts, etc. Price, 25 cents.

IF the other books which are to follow "Other People's Children" in the same neat square 16mo do half as well, G. P. Putnam's Sons will have no reason to complain of the summer trade. Mr. Habberton's latest is already up to 35,000 copies, and is still selling at the rate of nearly a thousand a day. "His Grandmothers," said to be a very bright book, will follow within a fortnight, and soon after another anonymous venture under the clever title of "Six Sinners."

"TRAPS Baited with Orphans; or, What is the Matter with Life Insurance?" is the somewhat startling title of a little book by Mr. Elizur Wright, and just ready at J. R. Osgood & Co.'s. Mr. Wright's long and intimate acquaintance with the whole subject of life insurance enables him to discuss it with especial force and intelligence. The recent miserable failures of some life-insurance companies, and the sense of insecurity produced thereby, will gain for Mr. Wright's wise and pithy book an immediate and eager reading.

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MACMILLAN & Co. have just ready several books of interest. Miss Kate Thompson's hand-book to the "Public Picture Galleries of Europe" is exceedingly useful to tourists, giving in one part a brief sketch of the progress of painting in each country, mentioning the leading works of great artists, and in the other select catalogues of the principal picture-galleries, directing the observer to those paintings best worth seeing. There are also a new volume of Dean Stanley's addresses and sermons, at St. Andrew's; a little volume summarizing "The Treaty Relations between Russia and Turkey," with the text of the leading treaties; Prof. Archibald Geikie's "Physical Geography," a remarkably compact and informing text-book, with many illustrations, etc.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS.

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NATIONAL TEMPERANCE SOC., New York.

Alcohol and the State. By Hon. Robert C. Pitman. 12°, pp. 350. \$1.50. (Sept.)

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COMMUNICATIONS.

THE OLD STORY AGAIN.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Aug. 21, 1877.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

I would like to make an inquiry regarding discounts to libraries. I had supposed that 20 per cent was the established discount, but some time ago, finding that I was losing this kind of trade and that others were getting it, and this, too, of parties who had made application to me for prices, I resolved that in future I too would give the 25 per cent; but imagine my surprise, some few days ago, when I was applied to for discounts on a collection, to receive from a reliable source the following reply by mail: 'Yours received. We would be glad to buy from you, but a party in Boston offers to supply us with the desired books at 33½ per cent from retail prices.' Now if the publishers of books can find no remedy for this, can they, in all human probability, expect dealers who get but 33½ per cent, and who rely upon a certain amount of this kind of trade, to pay one hundred cents on the dollar? In my own case, it does not so much interfere with me as it does with some other dealers, as I do not depend upon books alone for a profit. But I should, for the good of the whole book trade, like it very much if this sort of business could be stopped, and I, for one, will never buy from a house which I am aware protects its trade in this kind of a way.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES D. GILL.

CURIOSITIES OF THE TRADE.

The following letter was lately received by a publisher out West:

"August the 7.

"Dear Sirs, allow me to ask what way yow print books as I think I shal have som writing whitch I think of geting put into a book this fall it wil be a history of life in part and decip-

tion of things of difrent kind if it is all put to gether pleas let me know yowr rules of doing sutch work.

"Pleas anser sone."

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GOOD WORDS.

AN appreciative correspondent, on sending his subscription for the Trade-List Annual, closes his letter with: "The book trade throughout the country is under great obligation to you for your labor in their behalf in compiling and arranging for them the trade lists of the different publishers. Speaking for myself, I can truly say that I could hardly get along without this work; scarcely an hour passes without its pages being consulted by some one. Thanking you once more for your effort, and trusting that your subscription-list will be of great length and prove remunerative, I remain, etc., D. F. W."

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PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto."—LORD BACON.

FALL PROSPECTS.

THE prospects for next fall look much brighter than they did a month ago, and the feeling through the trade seems to be generally hopeful. This improvement in feeling is based largely on the reports from the crops, which continue to give more promise than for many years, and on the belief that if, having reached hard-pan, we can once get things moving again, there is likely to be a steady increase in prosperity. This belief seems to have solid foundation, and on it hopes of improvement that shall be permanent are built up. The strikes have not interfered with business so much as was feared at the time, and there is less solicitude from trouble in this direction.

Most of the publishers are making preparation for a reasonably busy season, as their lists of announcements will show, but we do not propose to put them before the trade until the opening of the season, when there begins to be practical interest in them. The trade sale will open Sept. 19th, or shortly after, and our Fall Announcement Number is planned for the issue for Sept. 8th. Announcements and advertisements should be forwarded as early as possible.

A CORRESPONDENT tells anew the old story, of as large discounts to libraries as the trade itself gets. On this point we have recently spoken freely, but at present it seems useless to urge a better practice. The twenty per cent rule certainly no longer holds as to libraries—if it holds in any particular—except on the common-sense and individual ground that it doesn't pay to do business for nothing.

OBITUARY.

WE hear with regret that Walter S. Campbell, son of James Campbell, the well-known publisher of Boston, died on the 20th inst., after an illness of eleven months. Although a young man (34 years of age), Mr. Campbell had few superiors as far as the knowledge of the book trade is concerned, and had life been spared him, would no doubt have taken a lead in the affairs of the trade some time in the future. Such men as he are greatly missed.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

FIRMIN-DIDOT ET CIE. have ready the second volume of Amb. Firmin-Didot's French translation of Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War. The work is to form three volumes.

GUILLAUMIN, GARNIER & BLOCK'S Year-book (Annuaire) of Political Economy and Statistics for 1877, now in its 34th year, has just been published by Guillaumin & Cie., at its usual price of 6 fr.

JAMES R. OSGOOD & CO. have just published in their "Vest Pocket Series" Holmes' "The Story of Iris," Dickens' "Mr. Nightingale's Diary," Tennyson's "The Princess," and James Thomson's "Autumn."

THE "New Song Era," revised by Dr. Geo. F. Root, contains 60 pages of new matter, and is just published by John Church & Co., at the same price as the "Song Era," 75 cents per copy or \$7.50 per dozen.

LEE & SHEPARD have already printed 52,000 copies of "That Husband of Mine"! And apparently he has only just begun his conquests. This "mine" of a husband has suggested to the lucky author the immediate production of the companion story about "That Wife of Mine."

THE London *Spectator* pronounces Miss Jewett's "Deephaven" very charming, and says, "If New England has many such young women as Kate Lancaster and her friend, and has also such very pleasant writers to describe them to us, it is very much to be congratulated."

HERBERT SPENCER is to appear in a French translation. The first volume of "Essays Moral, Scientific, and Aesthetic" is announced under the French title "Essais sur le Progrès," translated by M. A. Burdeau, in Baillière's "Bibliothèque de philosophie contemporaine."

AUG. BERTH. AUERBACH, of Stuttgart, has just published a clever translation by Heichen-Abenheim of Bret Harte's "My Friend the Tramp," "New York between 6 and 7 A.M.," "The Man from Solano," "A Night in a Sleeping-Car," and "Sanherib's Death."

FROM the annual book catalogue for Sweden for 1876 we learn that 1044 new works were published there in that year. The catalogue classifies them according to subject, theology comprising 192 works, general literature 166, historical literature 126, philosophy 8.

THE circulation of German literature in Russia is large, and many Russian bookselling houses are managed by Germans, with German connections. The latter have received news that their correspondents in Russia are unable for the present to settle in full.

GARNIER FRÈRES have just issued the first volume of the Literary Correspondence of Grimm and Diderot, with annotations, etc., by Maurice Tourneux, to embrace 10 volumes uniform with Garnier's edition of Diderot's complete works, of which the last (20th) volume has also just made its appearance.

THE third volume of the "Sea-Side Series," which D. Lothrop & Co. are issuing for the young folks, is entitled "Pehe Nu-e, the Tiger Whale," and is a captivating story, for boys, of adventure in the Pacific Ocean. The two previous issues, which have rendered this series so popular, were "Nan: the New-Fashioned Girl" and "Good-for-Nothing Polly."

MESSRS. FIRMIN-DIDOT FRÈRES call attention elsewhere in this issue to a number of their superb publications for which enterprising booksellers should find sale in the United States, not simply among French customers, but among all who appreciate books *de luxe*. Paul Lacroix's new volume, "The Eighteenth Century," for instance, will be one of the leading features of the holiday trade. Of these books we shall speak further in a later issue.

MR. JAMES P. HOYT, of Newtown, Conn., has just published "An Outline of a New Method with English, with an English Language Exercise," a tabular sheet the object of which is to state in the briefest manner possible the essentials of language and grammar, and to present a novel but thoroughly-tested and successful form for applying the knowledge previously acquired, and for perfecting the student in everything pertaining to a mastery of the English language.

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STATIONERY NOTES.

We shall be glad to receive, for gratuitous notice, samples or brief descriptions of all novelties of general trade interest, of which small cuts will be inserted if furnished. Buyers ordering or making inquiry as to goods from the notices in our columns will confer a favor by mentioning the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY as the source of their information.

THE Souvenir Publishing Company, New York, have just published a neat and novel book called the "Travellers' Complete Note-Book and Souvenir of Travel," a condensed and systematic method for recording all the events and incidents of a tour, and of preserving a succinct account of all places visited and objects seen, together with a space for a list of persons met or new acquaintances made, and their home address. It may be used by commercial travellers as well as pleasure-seekers; on a tour abroad or sauntering at home; travel by land

and water; or for city sight-seeing and rural excursions. The retail price is 60 cents.

ALFRED J. MANNING, Troy, N. Y., has patented a design for playing-cards, which he has assigned to A. Dougherty, New York.

JOHN W. MCGILL, 86 John street, New York, has registered at the Patent Office "The Miott Pen Tip."

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E. S. BOYNTON, New York, has received a patent for bookbinding, comprising a book the signatures of which are secured by a pin, and one or more loops completely surrounding the pin.

A. S. HUBBELL, Norwich, Ct., has patented a penholder which is formed of a slotted stick or holder provided with an opening in combination with a clasp for holding different sizes of pens, to which is added a sliding ferrule.

WILLIAM A. COOK, New York, has received a patent for memorandum-books, consisting of a metal plate provided with loops and a fastening wire, in combination with the cover and the inside book.

JOHN R. and HENRY H. EDWARDS, Baltimore, Md., have patented a copying-book in combination with a temporary binder, adapted to compress the leaves of the book and prevent access of the water to the stitching or binding.

WILLIAM H. BROWNELL, Brooklyn, N. Y., has patented a case or box for holding artist's materials. It is constructed so that the frame serves as an easel. The box opens out, and is large enough to hold all articles required by the artist.

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G. H. PARK, Rome, N. Y., has been granted a patent for a pencil sharpener which consists of a combined pencil-sharpener and pencil-point protector in a cone or cylinder, with flanges formed of a single piece of metal. A knife is attached to the cone, with its point projecting beyond the end of the cone.

PHILIP SCHRAG, New York, has received a patent for a penholder made of a sheet-metal tube, pointed at one end with a segmental socket, formed by crushing in a portion of the tube, in combination with a retaining-spring extending from the handle, the tube entirely concealing the spring, and both being attached to the handle. The patent has been assigned to Eberhard Faber, New York.

H. C. BENSON, Yonkers, N. Y., has patented a fountain pen, which he has assigned to Joseph Reckendorfer, New York. It consists of a soluble stick of solid ink, held in a spring clasp beneath and in contact with the pen. When the pen is dipped in water, the ink-solid will, to a certain extent, dissolve in the water and produce an ink or writing fluid which will be given off by the pen in the usual way of writing. It is mounted on a nickel-plated holder, and made so that the pen can be drawn up and into the same.

DAVID A. ROBERTS, Columbus, O., has received a patent for an indexing process. The book is opened to any desired page by placing a blade (provided with a shoulder to bear against the edges of the closed leaves) upon the first leaf, when a slight pressure and a downward movement cause the blade to pass through consecutive slits until a point is reached opposite the desired page number, seen upon a movable or fixed marginal index. The book has a slit in each leaf, each successive slit being cut a little lower down as described, to

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T. ORTON, Chicago, Ill., has patented a temporary binder. It is an index constructed of folded sheets slit in the backs, and having the alternate flaps united, thereby forming an extensible or chain back, for the purpose of holding postal-cards, which may be filed under the appropriate index and in connection with letters if desired.

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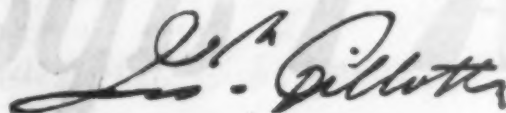
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